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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

REF: A) USUN 2191 B) VIENNA 6213

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES AT RESUMED SESSION IN AUGUST
WILL CONSIDER VENUE OF MARCH 1978 SESSION OF THE OUTER
SPACE COMMITTEE'S LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. AT 1976 MEETING OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, IN FACE OF SOVIET
INSISTENCE AND IN ORDER TO PRESERVE SUBCOMMITTEE HARMONY,
USREP HAD ACQUIESCED IN RECOMMENDATION THAT SUBCOMMITTEE
ALTERNATE MEETINGS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. AT THAT
TIME USREP HAD STATED THAT ACQUIESCENCE WAS NOT TO BE
INTERPRETED AS REJECTION OF THE FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE
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MANAGEMENT CRITERIA OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

3. ALTHOUGH THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AT JUNE 1977 PLENARY
SESSION AGREED TO GENEVA VENUE OF THE 1978 LEGAL SUB-
COMMITTEE MEETING, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AGREEMENT OF
ANY COMMITTEE OR BODY ON WHICH DATES AND SITES MAY BE
PREFERRED CANNOT COMMIT THE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

TO SUCH DATES AND SITES. THIS IS EXCLUSIVE ROLE OF THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH HAS DELEGATED CERTAIN PRELIMINARY

ASPECTS OF THIS FUNCTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES
(RESOLUTION 3351 (XXIX). THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (RULES OF
PROCEDURE 157), AS WELL AS THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (RULES OF
PROCEDURE 98), ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO
UTILIZATION OF CONFERENCE RESOURCES.

4. US MEMBER AT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES SHOULD STATE
POSITION THAT SUFFICIENT REASON HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN TO
JUSTIFY EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION 31/140 AND THAT MEETINGS
SHOULD BE HELD AT NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS. IF SIGNIFICANT
SUPPORT FOR US POSITION EMERGES, US MEMBER SHOULD WORK
TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS. IF THIS DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE,
HOWEVER, USREP SHOULD NOT PRESS ISSUE TO CONFRONTATION
IN ORDER TO AVOID RENEWED POLITICAL FRICTION IN OUTER
SPACE COMMITTEE BUT MAY QUIETLY WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM
DECISION. VANCE

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